

While there is still more to be accomplished on our congressional reform agenda, these significant reforms—including H.R. 2564—will do much to end business as usual in Washington, and to restore honesty and integrity to Congress.

CELEBRATING ROMANIA'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 1995

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, in a couple of days, on December 1, Romania will celebrate its national day of independence. This 1995 celebration will mark the 77th time the people of that nation have commemorated the founding of their country. Unlike many of the past national days, however, Romania's celebration

this year is one that is full of hope for the future.

As many of my colleagues know, earlier this fall, Romania's President, Ion Iliescu, came to Washington to meet with President Clinton. He also met with a number of our colleagues here in the House. The message he carried was simple. Romania is irrevocably marching down the path toward a democratic political system and a free-market economy.

This march has not been an easy one—reversing 40 years of communist rule is difficult. Romanians have borne real economic hardship since the 1989 revolution that overthrew the dictator Ceausescu. Nevertheless, major economic indicators for a healthy Romanian economy appear auspicious. Inflation is expected to be only 29 percent this year, less than half the 1994 rate. There has been more foreign investment, including U.S. investment, during the first 6 months of 1995 than there was in all of the previous 4 years. The agricultural sector, the first sector to benefit from pri-

vatization, has produced an almost record crop of wheat, allowing Romania to be a net grain exporter for the first time in years. A new stock exchange has opened, drawing capital to Romania, and the government has initiated a comprehensive privatization scheme empowering individual Romanians to become owners of the country's manufacturing sector.

Taken together, these successes bode well for Romania's economic future—a future we are encouraging through our granting of most-favored-nation status to Romania and by extending to it the benefits of the Generalized System of Preferences Program.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in extending our best wishes to the people of Romania on the occasion of their 77th—annual—day of independence. I also hope my colleagues join with me in acknowledging the progress Romania has made in meeting the twin goals of economic reform and political democratization.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 1995, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the peace process in the former Yugoslavia. SD-419
- Special on Special Committee
To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters
To continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation. SH-216
- 2:00 p.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine certain funding requirements involving United States interests in Bosnia. SD-192

DECEMBER 5

- 10:00 a.m.
Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 984, to protect the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing of a child. SD-226

DECEMBER 6

- 9:30 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Small Business on certain issues

relating to modifications to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. SD-106

Small Business

To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Labor and Human Resources on certain issues relating to modifications to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. SD-106

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101- 601). SR-485

DECEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 1271, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. SD-366

CANCELLATIONS

NOVEMBER 30

- 2:00 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
Business meeting, to continue to mark up S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States. SR-385